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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR CULTURING  
MULTIPOTENT STEM CELLS AND  
UTILIZATION OF THE SAME

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Examiner: D. Crouch

**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 25, 2008, the following reply is respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. This reply includes:

**Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks**, beginning on page 5 of this paper.